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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 Form. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents, including any copending patent applications, are attached. U.S. patents and patent publications are not attached however, because this application was filed after June 30, 2003.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO 1449 Form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	Open Financial Exchange website, downloaded from www.ofx.net , 12 pages.
	"An Architecture to Support Distributed Trade Documents," H. Wing and R.M. Columb; CRC for Distributed Systems Technology; Department of Computer Science, The University of Queensland, Australia.

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